

**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017
Appoquinimink State Service Center, Middletown, De.
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Barbara Monaghan, Chair, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Brian Hartman, Alex Eldreth

Members Absent: Rick Kosmalski

Staff: Pat Maichle

Guests:

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was Called to Order at 9:30 a.m.**
- II. Approval of Minutes – The Minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.**
- III. Approval of Agenda – The Agenda was approved as submitted.**
- IV. Chair’s Report**
 - 1. We recently toured the Governor Bacon Health Center; Barbara & Bill, Daniese & Bill, and Pat. The environment has been improved under the new Director and the staffing ratio is improved. There are many young people living there, that was surprising.**
- V. Staff Report**
- VI. Financial Report/FAC Committee Report – The report was reviewed by the Committee and approved. We had a discussion about the President’s Budget and where it may leave us in the next year. We are educating and advocating to ensure that the DD Councils remain within the federal budget. It was suggested that we be conservative on approving new projects until we hear about the budget.**
- VII. Current Business**
 - 1. Self-Advocacy Organization – Update – We have gathered resource information from across the Country for Delaware People First to enhance their organization. Many other Self-Advocacy organizations have responded and are more than willing to help and share their training materials. Pat shared this information with Delaware People**

First and will be meeting further with the Board to discuss this opportunity.

In addition, the Conference was held in May and the speakers were terrific Self-Advocates and motivating for the audience that was present.

- 2. DDC State Plan/Strategic Planning – Committee Recommendations – No recommendations are being offered from Committees so the Council will be approving in July the current Plan for submission to the AIDD.**
- 3. Supported Decision-Making – Update – Pat is researching when the documents are to be added to DHSS’s web site to inform the public of the work that was completed by the SDM Committee in 2016. Other states are asking for our documents.**
- 4. Legislative Update – A report document will be provided at the July Council meeting to list and explain all bills currently being tracked by the Council and the GACEC and SCPD. The session will be over in a few weeks and bills are still being introduced. The Organ Transplant bill has passed both houses of the General Assembly and is waiting for the Governor’s signature. 3 bills that address mental health and substance use have been signed by the Governor. The GACEC has a seclusion/restraints bill that addressed SRO’s in schools. That was on the House Agenda yesterday and passed the House. There are new bills coming every day. That includes a helmet law for mopeds and tripedes bill that is being worked.**
- 5. DE Disability History Update – We have completed the preliminary interviews with people and we are about to begin video recording their stories and perspectives on our history. These videos will be housed on our web site and others. It was recommended that we use an Oral Historian for this project so that historians into the future can utilize this work when completing their own documentation of our history.**

In addition, we have begun the work on a play that documents our history. We have a Director, play write, and grant writer for this project. We will have Acting Calls at some point to find actors for the parts in the play. We are working towards a 2018 completion and showing date.

VIII. New Business

- 1. NACDD Conference/TA Institute – The events will be in July in Utah. Kristin and I are slated to present on Jr. Partners in Policymaking and on the connection between Down Syndrome and Alzheimers. Katie Macklin will also be presenting and Alvin Emory and Barbara will be attending.**
- 2. RFP 1705 Review/Approval – Alex reviewed the revised draft of the RFP with the Committee. The revisions in the draft were highlighted for the review and discussion. Copies were provided to Members present. One**

question was about whether this effort was for children only or for all ages. The RFP mentions “people” not “children”. The Members agreed to change the wording throughout from “people” to “children and youth” with disabilities. Also, #6 has a few edits that will be shared with the Project Manager for revision of the document. The Members approved the RFP with the discussed revisions.

3. **Membership Committee – Approval of Members – Committee approved the 2 Members of the Membership Committee; Karen Gallagher and Karen McGloughin. They will be working on the Slate of Officers for the September Election.**
4. **Speakers for Future meetings – Lanny Edelson will be presenting in July, Brian Freedman will present in September on the Autism work that they’ve done, and in November the Division of Public Health and the University of Delaware will discuss the work on the Risk Surveys that we’ve been working on.**

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned by 11:00 a.m.